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48 Alcohol Related Arrests made in Oxford

The Mississippi Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Bureau of Enforcement made 48 arrests on a combined 69 violations this past Thursday and Friday evenings (November 2-3) in Oxford. At the request of the Oxford Police Department and the University of Mississippi Campus Police, ABC agents targeted underage drinking in the college town.

Of the 48 arrests, 43 were for minors in possession of alcohol, 4 for furnishing alcohol to minors, and the remaining arrest for providing false information to a law enforcement officer. Other charges include disorderly conduct and possession of fraudulent identification. Nineteen fake identification cards were seized during the detail.

A minor in possession can be fined up to \$500.00, 30 days community service, and/or a 90 days suspension of drivers license. Possession of false identification can be a \$500.00 fine and 30 days in jail. All cases will be handled by the Oxford Municipal Court.

Agents conducted surveillance on package stores, convenience stores, and nightspots. "Some of the arrests were made on campus, but most were the result of traffic stops made off-campus" says Chief Mark Hicks, ABC Director of Enforcement.

"Minors consuming alcoholic beverages is a significant public safety issue and will continue to be a challenge for our college leadership and law enforcement officers. Our agency is committed to assisting local law enforcement and helping our college towns meet this challenge" says Hicks.

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